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From the President - Shari Weber



We are all soon to be on roads leading to Hutchinson Kansas. I look forward to seeing many of you there! If you aren't preregistered and still want to come, please just come to Hutchinson. You will be welcomed at the gate.

Survey

We received a good response to the survey. Thank you to all who took the time to answer. Some of you even had to figure out how to answer when the instructions failed you. Thank you for that effort also. The survey was tested on multiple devices before it was sent out. Remember, we are volunteers trying to do the best things for FCRV. It was not the intent to make it difficult. Please accept my apologies for the confusion and difficulty.

2020 Preregistration at Hutchinson

Recently the trustees approved a proposal received for the 2020 Campvention. It is being held in Brigden, Ontario. The campvention team working on the 2020 campvention proposed that the price for this campvention be set in Canadian dollars. The fee approved is \$325 CND. The Canadian Region will be prepared to take advanced registrations in Hutchinson. If you plan to register for the Canadian campvention, please be sure to bring Canadian currency or have your bank cut a cashier's check in Canadian funds. The exchange rate fluctuates daily, but the conversion should be between \$240 and \$260 USD.

See you in Hutchinson! Shari



Campvention 2019

Kansas State Fairgrounds

Hutchinson, KS

July 7-12, 2019



Y'ALL COME TO CAMPVENTION 2019

We don't want anyone to be turned away. We want everyone to come to the Campvention so if you are not able to pre-register but want to attend just show up, and we will have a space for you on grass with water and electricity. Don't miss the fun and meeting new friends as well as seeing ones you know!



EDITORIAL



STAY IN TOUCH

By Dewayne Johnston

I recently noted in the minutes of the PA. State Association that a few longtime camping friends have sold their units and are no longer camping. All of these folks are in their 80s and beyond and due to mostly to health and various circumstances really have no choice. Just as we'll miss seeing them, I'm sure they will miss the fun and friendship of camping. Perhaps the situation is the same in your area.

A word of advice to those who can no longer camp. **STAY IN TOUCH.** If there is a campout nearby, drop in for a visit. If your state / province meeting is within range, attend. Stay in touch with your longtime friends with phone calls, letters, email, Facebook, etc. Remain a member of your organization. FCRVers can still read Camping Today and see what others are doing. Barb Turner's updates have up to the minute reports. Get on her email list at turnerfcrv@yahoo.com. Just as you miss your friends, they also miss you.



STATE EMS COUNCIL HONOR



"State EMS Council Honors Daniel Tauber with Paul Winfield Smith Award. The annual Award recognizes recipients for their work and commitment to educational excellence and high quality EMS programs."

Many congratulations to Daniel on receiving this well deserved award. CT FCRV is proud and grateful to have him as a part of our camping family and EMS staff along with his wife Paulette.

PHIL AND GLORIA STEINBERG



Phil and Gloria Steinberg of New York have let friends know that that they are hanging up the keys to the motorhome. They have had a long and very active run with NCHA / FCRV for many years. Their chapter was the Brooklyn Land Sailors. Your editor remembers the New York folks hosting a campout in New York City in 1976 to celebrate the rededication of the Statue of Liberty and sometime later the Sea Way Trail caravan. They volunteered for numerous jobs at Campventions and Retiree Rallies. You can stay in touch and wish them well at gpsteinberg@aol.com.



FCRV Activities

CONNECTICUT SPRING RALLY

By Glen Dains, Connecticut State Director



It was Mardi Gras time in the Litchfield Hills as 58 families descended upon the Goshen Fairgrounds for Memorial Day to “Jazz It Up” at the Connecticut FCRV Spring Rally and Get Acquainted weekend. Campers started rolling in Thursday morning to take advantage of the early day and everyone was settled in by Friday afternoon, including the nine sites with First Timer flags prominently displayed.



Activities were in full swing Saturday with an opening ceremony, a CAMP hike, arts and crafts, adult games and an on-grounds New Orleans Parade. The teens held their customary hot dog sale and departed for go-kart racing at a nearby sports center. Saturday night brought pot luck dinner, with a Shrimp Boil provided by the Happy Wanderers chapter.



Sunday morning started with a worship service, then some time off to prepare for the Memorial Day parade. Connecticut FCRV has marched in the Goshen town parade for as long as anyone can remember, a small-town New England tradition. Members were then treated to an ice cream social, served by the state staff. Live entertainment Sunday evening was a Contemporary Jazz band on the gazebo, followed by an awards ceremony where numerous certificates were presented acknowledging families with between 5 and 20

Stop Here!

years of membership.

Monday morning saw the state membership meeting interrupted by a noise parade, compliments of some very enthusiastic FCRV youth in training for Campvention. Chapters presented their nominations for the Nutmeg Distinguished Service Award, a plaque presented annually to a Connecticut family for exceptional service to FCRV. We welcomed six new families that joined FCRV over the weekend, in addition to the three families who signed up after the winter RV shows.





PHOTOS BY JONATHAN SYGROVE



PA STATE RETIREES CAMPOUT

September 18-22, 2019 –PA State Retirees Campout at Bald Eagle Ridge Runners Campground in Beech Creek, PA. Light Wednesday Night Supper, Craft, Games, Cash Bingo, Spaghetti Dinner (bring dessert), Soup, and Door Prizes . Bring an item for the Silent Auction, Brown Bag Auction, and Snack for Hospitality. There will be Sunday breakfast.

Directions to the campground, From the West, Take route I-80 to Exit 158 (Milesburg) Rt. 150 N to Beech Creek. After crossing steel bridge, turn left, follow creek until crossing another large bridge, turn left immediately into campground. From the East, take route I-80 to Exit 178, follow Rt. 220 and take exit for Mill Hall, then Rt. 150 S to Beech Creek. Turn right before the steel bridge, follow creek until crossing another large bridge, turn left immediately into campground.

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LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE

By Joe Boswell, National DASAT Dir.



Laughter...when was the last time you really had a good laugh? Was it from a joke someone told, or something you saw happen, a funny short story, or part of a conversation, even part of a good sermon. Laughter is good for the soul and good for the spirit. It can be uplifting, even a mood changer. "A good sense of humor can't cure all the ailments, but it has a lot of positive qualities." When we all have a good laugh it creates short term positive effects in more than one way. For example, that sour mood has just changed into one of happiness. When you laugh your body experiences many changes by the intake of oxygen rich air which activates your heart, lungs and muscles and it increases the level of endorphins which are released by your brain. How about them apples. Laughter is a great stress reliever, while you laugh the stress is decreased and your heart rate and blood pressure return to normal. The outcome is a totally relaxed feeling. "Laughter can also stimulate circulation and aid muscle relaxation, both of which can help reduce some of the physical symptoms of stress." For a quick pick-me up, watch or do something that will create laughter.

Here are some things laughter can do for your body. It can help to improve your immune system. In case you do not realize it, negative thoughts create chemical reactions that can harm the body. By having a lot of negative thoughts a chemical imbalance occurs and this can result in undo pressure on the various body systems. Too much stress on the heart and a heart attack can occur. In a positive way laughter releases neuropeptides that that help to fight the potential of more serious illnesses. Laughter relieves pain, why, because you will be thinking positive thoughts and this may help to ease the pain and the body will begin to create its own natural painkillers. Laughter helps everyone connect to other people, and can help us get through very difficult situation, such an emergency of some kind. "Many people ex-

perience depression or some other type of chronic illness. Laughter can help lessen the depression and anxiety and may make you feel a lot better in the long run."

Put humor in your life. Here are some way to increase your abilities to have a good laugh. Look at funny pictures, (cartoons), funny movies are always helpful (remember the various Jerry Lewis pictures for example) books, magazines, and other comical objects to give yourself a good laugh once in a while. Pull out the old joke books, and enjoy the laughter. As you go about your daily routine find a way to create laughter, sometimes the simplest things can be funny. As they say, you just have to be there for it to be funny. Laughing at yourself, helps to create a better mood for you. It is always great to share a laugh or two with another person. Share a good joke once in a while with those around you. Remember the "knock-Knock" jokes, some are quite funny. Keep in mind, and use caution and remember that what may be funny to you may not be funny to someone else. Use jokes appropriately, good clean laughter is always received with a hearty welcome. Go ahead and give this a try. A good chuckle is the world's best medicine.



Here is a great stress reliever and you will be laughing in no time at all. Watch a movie! Remember you're a traveling RVer and may want to have a good laugh about the adventures of others who are just learning the dos and don'ts of the RV life style. "Trailer Brake first, Trailer Brake First" remember hearing this in one of the most adventurous RV movies ever made. The wife wants to create a home for her husband as he travels about from job to job. How long is the trailer, it costs what, will the automobile handle the extra weight. As they prepare for adventure, a new car is purchased, and trailer is over 36 foot in length, the expenses increase and what else do they need. Their adventures, both good and bad, with all of qualities of a loving couple are disastrous at times. She wants to collect rocks, yes rocks, not pebbles, puts them in the trailer and then carries all of this extra weight over the mountains-why is the engine straining-the road narrows-will the brakes hold. Oh, my! Got you interested in this couples adventures, than acquire the old 1954 movie, *The Long, Long Trailer* starring Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz and you will shout out loud, no, no, don't do that, and

you will be laughing all the time as you watch this wonderful movie.

How about a sewer water shower, complete with spectators watching your entanglement and a speeding motorhome going over the terrain like a four wheeler? Uninvited critters, raccoons inside the living space of your wonderful motorhome-stink bombs and alike. Your friendly motorhome is a larger vehicle, so shopping cart adventures await you at the shopping center. Family humor, outdoor sights, and road races are included, too. In this case, Robin Williams provides for you a rockling tale of RV adventures in this movie, entitled *RV* (also known as *Runaway Vacation*, 2006). Want laughter, here it is, with all of the misadventures of an RV trip.



Overall, the best medicine is laughter. It improves your health. Take time in your daily schedule to include some laughter, you will be glad you did.

Source: Article: Healthy Lifestyles Stress Management
Stress Relief from Laughter? It's not Joke
<https://mayoclinic.org/healthy-lifestyle/stress-management>

Movies mentioned: (available on DVD)

The Long, Long Trailer, (1954) Staring Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz

RV (Runaway Vacation) (2006), Starring Robin Williams

LATEST ROUND OF RV RECALLS IS RELEASED BY NHTSA

Story by [RVBusiness](#) (5/28/19)

The following is the latest round of RV recalls compiled by the National Highway Traffic Administration (NHTSA).

- Forest River Inc. is recalling 1,346 2019-2020 R. Pod travel trailers. The wire for the refrigerator's spark igniter may have been connected to a breaker that permits a current higher than the wire can handle.
- Livin' Lite Recreational Vehicles is recalling 659 2013-2017 Camplite and 2014-2017 Bearcat recreational trailers. One of the exit windows may be blocked by a manual awning arm.
- REV Recreation Group (REV) is recalling 62 2019 Fleetwood Flair and Holiday Rambler Admiral mo-

torhomes. The generator exhaust pipe placement exits the motorhome within the vehicle's departure angle.

- Forest River Inc. is recalling three 2018-2019 Cherokee ACKT39CL and ACKT39RL travel trailers. The Federal Placard may have incorrect axle rating, cargo carrying capacity, and tire/wheel combination information.

NHTSA ROLLS OUT NEWEST ROUND OF RECALLS FOR RVS

Story by [RVBusiness](#) (6/10/19)

The following is the latest report from the National Highway Traffic Administration (NHTSA) on the latest RV recalls:

- Airstream Inc. (Airstream) is recalling 1,848 2018-2020 International, Sport, Flying Cloud, Classic, Tommy Bahama, Globetrotter, and Nest travel trailers. The forward end of the spare tire carrier may contact the ground while the trailer is moving possibly resulting in the carrier and spare tire separating from the vehicle.
- New England Wheels is recalling 544 2014-2018 Ford Transit and 2014-2019 Ram Promaster 2500 and 3500 vehicles modified to be equipped with Freedman Go-ES fold-away seats. When the back seat cushion is rotated from the stowed position to the upright position, the seat cushion may not remain locked into place when under load, such as in a crash or a sudden stop.
- Forest River Inc. is recalling 100 2019-2020 Coachmen Beyond, Crossfit and Galleria motorhomes equipped with ProAir air conditioning systems powered by a LI3 lithium ion battery system. The wiring for ProAir system may be undersized for the potential load. Additionally, the circuit was not fuse or breaker protected.

GO RVING BIG PART OF TOY STORY 4 HOLLYWOOD PREMIERE

Story by [Rick Kessler](#)

Camped in a prime spot right on the red carpet, the RV industry was well represented earlier this week for the world premiere of "Toy Story 4," the Disney/Pixar movie that features Woody (voiced by Tom Hanks), Buzz Lightyear (Tim Allen) and the

rest of the gang embarking on a road trip in a Class C motorhome.

The Go RVing Coalition has partnered with Disney/Pixar for the movie, officials said, which among other marketing opportunities included having a specially outfitted Winnebago Navion on the red carpet for the movie's star-studded premiere at the El Capitan Movie Theater on Hollywood Boulevard in Hollywood.

"The premiere was wonderful, and they did it up in true Toy Story fashion. In the movie, the RV park is next to a carnival so the movie lot and the after-party were all in decked out in a carnival theme," said Go RVing Coalition Vice President of Communications Karen Redfern.

"And the entire movie was fantastic," she continued. "The RV is literally part of the movie from beginning to end. It really becomes the set for the entire story. It's referred to as an RV throughout. Obviously, we partnered up with one of the top family-friendly businesses in the world. Disney is all top-notch quality. We couldn't ask for better partners from that standpoint. It will be fantastic family entertainment with this movie, and everything about the content of the movie and the use of the RV was just spot on."



Redfern was joined at the premiere by Courtney Bias and Dana DelVecchio from Go RVing, RV Industry Association (RVIA) Chairman Garry Enyart of Cummins Inc., RVIA Interim President and Senior Vice President of Government Affairs and General Counsel Craig Kirby, Go RVing Co-Chair and Airstream Inc. President and CEO Bob Wheeler, Forest River Inc. Director of Quality Assurance, Codes & Standard Leo Akins, and Chad Reece and Sam Jefson from Winnebago Industries.

From a Go RVing standpoint, Redfern said the premiere was "fantastic." The Go RVing logo was part of the backdrop of the red carpet, so it was highly visible as the stars were being interviewed by various media outlets. The motorhome was also a hit, she added.

"We went with a small Type C motorhome, which is just like what Bonnie and her family have in the movie," she said. "And then the Disney artists, they did some vinyl clings that went up beside of it, too, along with the big Toy Story 4 logo. It had all the characters on the side, so it made it a great photo opportunity point for all of the guests, as well as a good number of the celebrities that were in attendance stopped and did photos."

"Tim Allen not only stopped for a photo, but he opened the door up, went inside and then made a grand dramatic entrance back out waving to everyone and gave everyone a big thumbs up as he came out the door of the RV. So he really had fun with the RV there on the red carpet," she added.

As one might imagine with a Hollywood movie premiere, Redfern confirmed the scene itself was "quite a spectacle," mentioning all the paparazzi in particular.

"Oh my gosh, yes. It was a once in a lifetime opportunity. I didn't ever see myself ever being invited to a Hollywood premiere," she said. "Of course, they had the barrier fences along the front of the theater here on Hollywood Boulevard, so when people traveled down Hollywood Boulevard, as the celebrities were arriving and everyone was going into the theater, people are literally hanging out of the open windows of their cars with their cell phones, trying to capture a photo. And people were lined up on the opposite side of the street seeing if they could get a glimpse of the celebrities as they came through."

"So, to be there and be part of it and just to be able to stand there on the red carpet and watch every person go past — because we were allowed to stay there and take some photos of the celebrities as they stopped at the RV — and just to be able to be part of it, it was so exciting. Absolutely."

Go RVing even had an influence on the development of the movie, she pointed out. At one point, Redfern was shown a clip of the movie. The clip showed Bonnie (Madeleine McGraw) and her family driving in the RV, but they were not seated or wearing safety belts. Redfern delicately brought this to the animators' attention, and she was pleased to see everyone seated and wearing safety belts in the movie's premiere.

"At the time, I said to them, 'I realize that I'm here to potentially be a marketing partner and not a film critic.' But they said, 'No, we're definitely looking for the input.' As they said, they want to make sure that if a

family is going to watch this movie and be inspired to take an RV road trip like Bonnie and her family, that they're going to be doing it properly. So that's when I said, 'There is one scene that I know would make us cringe.' And that was changed in the movie," Redfern explained.

"It was impressive to us that an entertainment company who was looking for a marketing partner would really stop and take stock in what we were saying and say, 'No, we want to make sure that this is portrayed accurately and safely and properly.' That just impressed me with even more so with the integrity of the kind of company that Disney is. And so that just cemented even more in our minds that we were really partnering up with a company that had a lot of great integrity and values that align with what we want in our industry as well," she added.

STATESVILLE DENIES CHANGE TO GANDER FLAG ORDINANCE

Story by RVBusiness



The Statesville, N.C., City Council voted against changes to a flag ordinance Monday (June 17) night as the debate over a giant American flag at Gander RV on I-77 continues.

WBTV reported that the proposed change would have allowed a 40-by-80-foot flag to fly in a highway business zone. Monday's vote means the Gander RV flag remains out of compliance. The City's ordinance does permit a 25-by-40-foot flag.

No one spoke at the public hearing, but each council member commented on the issue before voting.

The vote was 5-3 against the motion to amend the ordinance. Voting in favor of the motion were C.O. Johnson, John Staford and Steve Johnson. Voting against the motion were William Morgan, Roy West, Doris Allison, Keith Williams and Michael Johnson.

The vote does not affect the injunction filed against Gander RV back in May which asks the court to order Gander RV to comply with the ordinance and pay a \$50 per day fine.

The owner of Gander RV and reality television star Marcus Lemonis reacted to the vote Monday

night when asked what he thought about the news.

"Unbelievable, I'm stunned," Lemonis said. "When they are faced by people holding them accountable they say the right things, then when they are there to vote and do the right thing they do the wrong thing."

LEMONIS TO N.C. CITY: OUR FLAG WILL NOT COME DOWN

Story by RVBusiness

North Carolina city has filed a lawsuit against a business for allegedly violating a city ordinance by flying an American flag that is significantly larger than what the city permits.

But the business isn't backing down – even a court order won't compel Marcus Lemonis, chairman and CEO of Camping World, to remove the massive flag, he told USA TODAY on Wednesday.



"The flag isn't coming down. It's the only thing I know for certain," Lemonis said. "I know I'm going to die. I know I'm going to pay taxes. And I know I'm not taking the flag down."

A release from Statesville, N.C., says recreational vehicle retailer Gander RV has been flying a 3,200-square-foot flag at its Statesville location for more than six months. The company had previously obtained a permit for a 1,000-square-foot flag, which complied with the city's ordinance.

The city says it has repeatedly asked Gander RV to replace the flag with one that is a permitted size. The release says the city is seeking a fine of \$50 for every day the flag has been displayed since an October 2018 notice.

For the full story click [here](#).

JULY TRIVIA

1826 - John Adams, second president of the United States, died the same day as Thomas Jefferson, third president of the United States, on the fiftieth anniversary of the adoption of the United States' Declaration of Independence. The two founding fathers did not get along during their careers.



THE TRUTH BEHIND 6 COMMON RV MYTHS & MISCONCEPTIONS

By **Amanda Watson**Camping, Living

Is RVing only for retired people? Is RVing limited to crowded parks? Learn the truth behind these and other common RV myths

Spend any amount of time researching information about RVing and you're bound to run into some common RV myths and misconceptions. For new RV owners, or those interested in pursuing an RV lifestyle, this can be problematic. These myths often lead people to make decisions based on information that simply isn't accurate.

To sort it all out and separate myth from fact, here are six widely-believed RV myths regarding the RV lifestyle and the truth behind them.

RV Myth #1: The best type of RV is a Class A/ Van/Travel Trailer/Fifth Wheel.



Everyone has an opinion regarding the best type of RV. Some people wouldn't dream of traveling in

anything other than a [fully outfitted motorhome](#) with 4 slides, a washer/dryer combo, and a bedroom the size of a small apartment. While others turn up their noses at any RV that takes up more than a regular size parking space.

Truth: The best RV is the one that fits your needs.

There is no single RV type that qualifies as "the best." RV choice is personal and depends on factors such as family size, where and how often you plan to use it, whether you already have a truck for towing, how confident you feel [making repairs](#), and many more considerations.

If you're in the market for an RV, don't simply go out and buy a fifth wheel because your uncle said it was the best. Instead, talk to people with different

types of RVs or maybe even rent a few to try them out. In the end, the best type of RV will be the one that fits your unique needs.

RV Myth #2: RV travel is only for older, retired people.

There was once a time when the typical RVer was a retired couple spending their golden years traveling around the country. This couple most certainly does exist—spend any time at an [RV park in Florida](#) and you will meet lots of them—but they are far from the only type of RVer.

Truth: RVs are suitable for people and families of all ages.

These days, most campgrounds contain a mix of families, retired couples, solo travelers, and an increasing number of younger working age people. People of all ages are turning to RVs for travel and full-time living. There is no age threshold you must cross to call yourself an RVer!



RV Myth #3: RVing is expensive (or cheap).

The most common RV myth is about how much it costs to RV. Depending on who you are talking to, the prevailing view is that it's either really expensive or really cheap. Which side of the coin your conviction lies on is directly related to the decisions you make regarding travel style and RV choice.

Truth: Buying, traveling, or living in an RV are all as expensive or as cheap as you make it.

One of the best things about RV travel is how versatile it is. Unlike airfare, hotels, and rental cars, the range of cost associated with RVing is vast. Can RVing be expensive? Of course, if you make it expensive. You can buy a fancy new RV with a big price tag, drive a lot which means spending tons on gas, and stay at expensive [resort style RV parks](#).

On the flip side, if you want to save some bucks, you can buy a modest used RV that needs some TLC, limit your driving time, and seek out less expensive camping options or even places to stay for [free on public land](#). Most RVers fall somewhere in between these two extremes. Which is why depending on the

choices you make, RVing can be considered neither expensive nor cheap.

RV Myth #4: Taking an RV trip means driving all the time.

The logic goes that an RV is a vehicle, therefore, RV travel must involve a lot of driving. And sometimes it does. A road trip from [one side of the country to another](#) is going to necessitate a bit of time behind the wheel. Of course, how much time you spend on the road is all about how you plan your trip.

Truth: RV travel allows you to slow down and enjoy the journey.

Taking a road trip in a car and taking a road trip in an RV are two very different experiences. Car travel usually means putting in as many miles as possible in an effort to get where you're going. RV travel can be similar, but it really doesn't have to be. In fact, any RVer will tell you that the most enjoyable way to travel is [at a slow pace](#). When you bring along a place to sleep and prepare meals, there really is no need to rush from destination to destination.

RV Myth #5: RVs must always stay in crowded RV parks.

Of all the RV myths, this one turns potential RVers off the most. We've all seen the photos of parking lot style RV parks where the rigs are lined up in tight rows and your picnic table is practically on top of the neighbor's sewer hose. Crowded RV parks do exist. In fact, there are a lot of them along highways and in more populated areas.

Truth: RVs have a wide variety of camping choices, including some options that are nothing like crowded RV parks.

Guess what? Just because you're traveling in an RV doesn't mean you have to park in a crowded RV park. There are an amazing variety of campgrounds out there that offer so much more.

State parks, national parks, national forests, [Army Corps of Engineers campgrounds](#), and many county-run parks are all great places to camp if you want a bit more nature and a bit less asphalt in your RVing experience. RVs can even camp off the grid.

The southwest is full of free land where RVs can spend weeks at a time camping in [complete solitude](#).

RV parks have a purpose, but the idea that RVs are limited to this type of park is definitely a myth!

RV Myth #6: RVing is **NOT the same as camping.**

This one usually goes along with sentiments like, *If you don't have a fire, cook outside, get dirty, sleep on the ground, or end the weekend smelling like a pile of old laundry, then you're not really camping.*

Truth: Camping and RVing are as similar as they are different (in other words, it doesn't really matter).

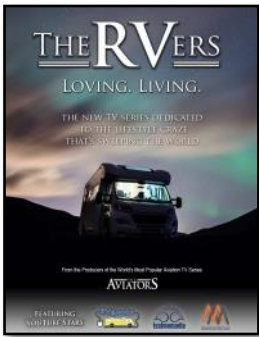
There seems to be some scorn out there among "purist" campers who look down on those who travel in RVs. I guess there's something about sharing a campground with folks who brought along a comfy bed and a bathroom with running water that makes them grumpy (or maybe it's the lack of sleep caused by the cold ground they slept on).

The thing is that most RVers are rarely concerned about how they are living up to the title of "camper". People choose RVs for all different reasons. Some have physical limitations that rule out tent camping, some like the convenience of an RV, while others simply find it's easier to take the whole family on a trip in an RV versus a tent. None of these people set out to dilute the sentiment behind camping.

In fact, the dictionary defines camping as, "the activity of spending a vacation living in a camp, tent, or camper." There's nothing in there about having to rough it without running water, sleep on the cold ground, or cook your food on a stick over the fire.

In the end, whether eat your food off a stick or with a fork, sleep in a hammock or on a real mattress, watch TV in your RV (gasp!) or the stars at night, the act of setting up a temporary place to call home in nature is considered camping, plain and simple.





THE RVERS TV SHOW TO DEBUT ON DISCOVERY AND PBS

Story by [Rick Kessler](#)

“The RVers,” a new consumer-oriented RV lifestyle show starring full-time RVers whose popular YouTube channels have made them celebrities with RVers, is set to debut this fall on The Discovery Channel as well as PBS, Amazon Prime and other networks.

The program will be hosted by Peter Knize and John Sullivan of The RV Geeks, Tom and Caitlin Morton of Mortons on the Move, and Chris Dunphy and Cherie Ve Ard of Technomadia. Also starring in the show is creator and producer Anthony Nalli, known for his work on the long-running TV series, “The Aviators,” who told RVBUSINESS.com that “The RVers” would be equal parts “education, information and entertainment.”

Nalli said that in the same way “The Aviators” inspired many to fulfill their lifelong dream of flight, “The RVers” is expected to inspire, motivate, and drive people to live their RV dream. I wanted to have an airplane and an RV since I was a kid. I learned to fly in my 30’s and I got my first RV in my late 40’s. I don’t have a good reason why both took so long. What a waste of precious time. This show will encourage dreamers to avoid the mistake I made of needlessly delaying the kind of joy of life I now experience every single day.”

The program has been filming throughout North America since February and will premiere Nov. 23 on Discovery nationwide in the United States. The show will also be available on other broadcast and streaming outlets including PBS in the U.S. and Bell TV in Canada as well as iTunes, Google Play, Microsoft Xbox, Vudu and Amazon Prime.

In addition, "The RVers" has a wide range of support from the RV industry from such companies as Dometic, Fantasy RV Tours, Battle Born Batteries, Sun RV Resorts, RVillage, Xantrex, Hughes Autoformers, Sicard RV, LogicBlue Technology, Snap Pad, FCIS Insurance, Mattress Insider, M4 Products, Escapees/Xscapers, Sunrise RV Products, RAD Power Bikes, NoFreezeWaterHose, Flojet, Bogfoot Outrigger Pads, Southwire, RakAttach and Instant Pot.

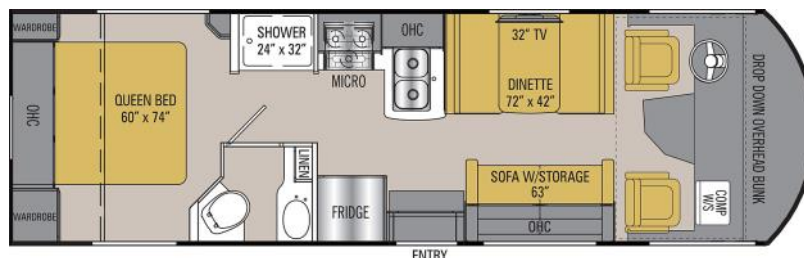
COACHMEN RV ROLLS OUT NEW FLOORPLAN FOR PURSUIT

Story by [RVBusiness](#)

Coachmen RV, a division of Forest River Inc., recently released a new Pursuit floorplan that, according to a press release, will "create a new entry level Class A price point that doesn't sacrifice on quality, functionality or look."

“We also wanted to create a motorhome that was worry free,” said Michael Kaiser, general manager for Coachmen’s Class A segment. “This floorplan will allow campers to enjoy the destination as much as the journey. It is perfect for Walmart Camping and the National parks since it’s under 30 feet. The non-slide Class A motorhome is the only one of its kind. In an industry when everyone is racing to add more electronics and gadgets, we focused instead on convenience and easy to operate features.”

The Pursuit 27XPS features large exterior storage compartments, a silverware drawer, interior storage, and a manual drop down bunk, as well as large windows throughout the coach. It has 7,000 pounds of tow capacity with the possibility of towing 8,000 pounds depending on how the coach is loaded. Initial reaction by dealers has been positive and the floorplan (MAP \$72,999) is starting to ship to dealers across North America.



MILLIONS TO TRAVEL BY RV DURING REMAINDER OF 2019

Story by [RVBusiness](#)

Nearly 25 million Americans traveled in recreation vehicles this spring and summer, heading to the country's 18,000-plus campgrounds to enjoy the benefits of an active, outdoor lifestyle with family and friends, according to the latest survey of RV owners by Go RVing and Cvent.

According to RVIA News & Insights, the annual survey finds that 88% of RV owners plan to use their RVs as much or more than they did last year. Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day are the most popular trip times, with Father's Day RV outings also popular. This Memorial Day holiday weekend, nearly six million RVs and 15 million people were expected to be on the road.

"RVing is more popular than ever and the market remains hot as younger and more diverse people learn how RVing can fit their lifestyles," said RV Industry Association (RVIA) President Frank Hugelmeyer. "RVs offer unparalleled flexibility to enjoy many different kinds of vacations and outdoor recreation activities. Whatever the activity, RVs are a comfortable and convenient way to escape stress and spend time with friends and loved ones — without breaking the budget."

Affordability is a key reason for increased usage with 87% agreeing that RVing is a cost-effective way to travel and 79% saying that RV vacations cost less than other forms of travel even when fuel prices are higher (86% said fuel prices will not affect their spring/summer plans). More than 81% of respondents agree that traveling by RV can save 25% or more over other types of travel.

Other top reasons for increased RV journeys include:

- Flexibility to take more mini-vacations (69%).
- Opportunity to enjoy outdoor activity and nature (61%).
- Chance to spend more quality time with family (53%).
- Escape stress/pressure (47%).



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GO RV RENTALS RELEASES GUIDE FOR RENTING AN RV

Story by [RVBusiness](#)



Go RV Rentals has published its new “Ultimate Guide to Renting an RV.” The updated guide contains information geared to help newcomers to the RV lifestyle navigate the process.

The guide examines the cost to rent an RV and common rental policies, like deposits and cancellation refunds. Furthermore, the guide helps people choose the right type of RV and which amenities to seek, the best times to rent an RV, and more.

“For newbies, the thought of renting an RV can be overwhelming,” said Go RV Rentals founder and Online Marketing Director David Kosofsky. “Determining a fair price for a motorhome or camper rental is top of mind for most people. However, the necessity to have electrical power amperage compatible between the RV and the campground electrical outlet is something many are unaware of. We explain all of this and more in our guide so families can have a fun and safe road trip.”

For the full story click [here](#)



WILD CAMPING FOR RVERS & NATURE LOVERS

<https://mobileriving.com/blog/wild-camping-for-rvers-nature-lovers>

Author : Caleb Summeril in [Education](#)



Wild Camping while RVing can be a nature lovers dream. With so many wild and wonderful locations scattered across the nation, all

you need to do is point your rig in the right direction and get rolling to find a plethora of these well-known destinations. From forests and deserts to canyons and canopies, adventure awaits for those eager to get out and explore. An RV trip to any of the locations listed below is an amazing and accessible way to truly experience all of the natural wonders they have to offer. Many of these spots are fairly accessible to a long RV but when approaching any dirt road or narrow entrance, be sure to scout out that what lies ahead is suitable for your RV and driving abilities. Don't let normal cautions dissuade you as luck favors the bold, especially when on an RV adventure!

Acadia National Park, Maine

[Acadia National Park](#) is a scenic wonder any time of year. Claiming to be the “Crown Jewel of the North Atlantic Coast” and full of peaks to hike, trails to explore the woodlands, and old carriage roads to drive on, the name holds true.

Assateague Island, Maryland

This location is for beachfront nature lovers and offers almost 40 miles of beach and ocean access. [Assateague State Park](#) has plenty of campground to choose from for RVers and quite a few trails and other natural features in addition to the wonderful beaches and ocean views found here. There are plenty of great camping spots but visitors can also take advantage of a ton of other activities including: crabbing, surfing, swimming, biking, and horse rides, to name a few.

Badlands National Park, South Dakota

The Badlands can feel like a serene moonscape set in some favorite Western or Sci-Fi film. This desolation makes for true natural beauty and is a recommended place to visit on one of your next RV trips. Wild rock formations blend seamlessly with the flowing prairies. [Badlands National Park](#) only offers two campgrounds but both are open year-round and offer all of the amenities you'll need for a great RV experience. There is plenty of nearby public land for those of you fond of boondocking.

Glacier National Park, Montana

[Glacier National Park](#) is a must see for just about anyone. For nature lovers, it is an inspiring location

both rugged and wild with a feel that reminds visitors how the west might have felt for those living here or exploring this grand land hundreds of years ago. The park is home to over 700 miles of trails for hikers of all abilities to explore with many of these leading to truly unique backcountry campsites and some of the best fishing this writer has ever experienced. RV enthusiasts can take advantage of [13 different campgrounds](#) and be sure to take the drive over the legendary Going-To-The-Sun Road for its stunning viewpoints and waterfalls giving the driver a real feel for the vast beauty of the park. It gets pretty busy during peak times of year here so plan your trip ahead of time being sure to make a reservation at a campground as they fill up quickly. Glacier is nature on a grand scale and always makes for a more than memorable trip.

Gunnison National Forest, Colorado

This is one of the lesser known attractions in a nature lovers state and is a great spot for RVing a bit off of the beaten path. [The Gunnison National Forest](#) is actually clustered into a group of three wild and vast National Forests located on the Western Slope of Colorado.

Olympic National Park, Washington

This region of the country is stoic, scenic, and full of mystical surprises. Old growth forests dominate the peninsula in the far northwestern reaches of the country and the lush growth makes one wonder if there might be any merit to the many bigfoot sightings that abound here. [This diverse wilderness](#) covers over 1 million acres and has snowcapped peaks pointing towards over 70 miles of spectacular, though somewhat intimidating coastline. Most of the campgrounds in the park can only accommodate RVs 21 feet or less with a few being able to handle larger rigs up to 35 feet so be sure to look into the restrictions ahead of time.

Joshua Tree State Park, California

[Joshua Tree](#) is equal parts wilderness and Doctor Seuss dreamland. The Mojave and Colorado deserts meet in Southern California to create a stunning landscape that has to be seen to be believed. The namesake tree of the park is a natural wonder in itself with cactus like features twisting and turning into a wild and weird desert tree trunk. There are [4 main campgrounds](#) here and due to the popularity of

the park, all are reservations only. There are another 4 that are first come first serve, so options abound. There are other camping options on the outskirts of the park for RVers if these fill up and the entire park can easily be driven by any size rig. Be sure to take a look at the night sky once the sun goes down and the desert landscape and distance from large cities lead to some of the best star gazing in the southwest.

WILDWOOD RV CAMPGROUND IS ADDING 400-PLUS SITES

Story by [RVBusiness](#)

The Wildwood RV Village Campground, located in Wildwood, Fla., announced that an expansion of 400-plus sites is underway. When completed, the facility will boast over 600 sites.

According to a press release, the Wildwood RV Village Campground will provide an onsite concierge service to all of the campground guests. Services include on-site RV mobile service, a free safety inspection, and discounts on parts and accessories. In addition, the campground will be offering on-site rentals, ranging in size from 20-40 feet.

Mike Wood, who owns the facility with Mandy Alonso, stated, "This way any family can camp and enjoy the adventure lifestyle. Accommodations include an on-site pool, Wi-Fi, cable, recreation center, plus there are so many great central Florida attractions to visit right down the road from us."

Alonso and Wood are also buying another 20 acres across from the Wildwood RV Village Campground and plan to build an 800-bay storage facility to accommodate RVs, cargo trailers and boats. Not only will

"This will not only accommodate the lack of RV storage in the area, but will also include a free service inspection," said Wood. "Plus everybody that uses the storage facility will receive a discount off their stay at the Wildwood RV Village Campground."

In addition, the American Adventures RV dealership located at the Wildwood RV Village Campground is in full swing and operational while the sales facility should be complete before the end of 2019.

NEW AIRSTREAM SITE OFFERS GEAR, COMPELLING STORIES

Story by [RVBusiness](#)



Airstream Inc. announced the launch of Airstream Supply Co., a new website that equips travelers with outdoor and camping gear. According to a press release, the site features compelling stories of adventure, travel and craftsmanship, complemented by curated collections of products available for purchase.

Part online magazine, part travel guide, and part outfitter, Airstream Supply Co. is a true hybrid built on the foundation of Airstream's nearly 90-year history. The rich stories within the Airstream community offered a unique opportunity for the brand to integrate existing content within a distinctive marketplace. From products that will enhance your camping experience, to stories that will stoke the spirit of adventure, Airstream Supply Co. is designed to help RVers get the most out of your travels.

"Our founder, Wally Byam, understood that it wasn't just about selling travel trailers, but about helping people see the freedom and excitement you get in crafting your own adventure," said Bob Wheeler, Airstream president and CEO. "That vision is at the core of Airstream Supply Co., and we're excited to offer a new tool for outfitting our customers with great gear and inspiring them with travel stories and trip guides."

Featured products include Airstream accessories and branded goods, as well as travel and adventure gear recommended by the Airstream community. Additionally, Airstream Supply Co. will offer products designed and crafted by artisans who live and work near the travel destinations featured on the site, highlighting local creativity and craftsmanship.



"Too often today, quality gets sacrificed for convenience and discounts, and we saw an opportunity for disruption with a site that's more than simply an online store," said Wheeler. "It's about curating the travel and camping experience, sharing inspiring

stories, and supporting the work of craftspeople we've discovered out on the road."

"The Airstream world is a deep well of stories – from travel and adventure to innovation and history," said Airstream CMO Mollie Hansen. "Airstream Supply Co. is a new outlet for us to share those stories, and it will allow us to extend our reach in the outdoor community."

For more information about Airstream and its product lineup, please visit <http://www.airstream.com/>. For more information on Airstream Supply Co., click [here](#).

Products

GARMIN INTERNATIONAL DEBUTS RV 785 GPS NAVIGATOR

Story by [RVBusiness](#)

Garmin International Inc., a unit of Garmin Ltd., announced the introduction of the RV 785 GPS navigator that offers RV-specific navigation options and a new built-in dash camera for RV and camping enthusiasts.

According to a press release, the RV 785 offers an easy-to-read, high-resolution seven-inch display while automatically recording the journey and saving video of incidents. The built-in camera also allows for more sophisticated driver assistance features including lane departure and forward collision warnings.

"The introduction of a built-in dash camera to the RV 785 brings one of our most sought-out features to RV travelers," said Dan Bartel, Garmin vice president of global consumer sales. "Drivers can sit back and take advantage of camper-friendly directories loaded into the RV 785 to easily explore new destinations, while the built-in dash camera makes it simple to record and save video of any incidents while traveling."

RVers can input their motorhome profile into the RV 785. Once the navigator stores the size and weight of the RV3, drivers can receive routes that

take into account weight limits, steep grades. The RV 785 also gives drivers access to RV-specific points of interest with the integration of Ultimate Public Campgrounds, KOA, iOverlander and PlanRV. To help locate the best places for a pit stop, the RV 785 is preloaded with a directory of RV parks and services that can be filtered with personal preferences.

In addition, the RV 785 utilizes a road-trip ready feature set that includes the history database of notable sites, a U.S. National Parks directory, TripAdvisor traveler ratings and millions of Foursquare points of interest. The navigator also offers detailed mapping for North America and includes map updates for cross-country travelers to stay up-to-date with the latest map data available. Garmin Traffic is also available directly out of the box with an included traffic cable.

The Garmin RV 785 is expected to be available this month with a suggested retail price of \$499.99.

HAULGAUGE TOWING MEASUREMENT DEVICE IS AVAILABLE

Story by [RVBusiness](#)

HaulGauge Inc. announced the immediate availability of HaulGauge, a towing measurement device. According to a press release, HaulGauge measures vehicle weight, pin weight, tongue weight, payload and other metrics essential for proper towing setup.

HaulGauge utilizes a Plug & Play technology which obtains calibrations by reading the VIN from the OBD-II port. It transmits data via Bluetooth to an Apple or Android device.

“Many customers have already benefited from this device, which allows them to take proper towing measurements,” said Michael Hall, CEO.

HaulGauge is currently establishing distribution through multiple channels.



CANADA DAY

Happy Canada Day! On July 1, 1867, the nation was officially born when the Constitution Act joined three provinces into one country: Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Canada province, which then split into Ontario and Quebec. However, Canada was not completely independent of England until 1982. The holiday called Dominion Day was officially established in 1879, but it wasn't observed by many Canadians, who considered themselves to be British citizens.

The 100th anniversary in 1967 saw the growth of the spirit of Canadian patriotism and Dominion Day celebrations really began to take off. Although quite a few Canadians already called the holiday [Canada Day](#) ([Fête du Canada](#)), the new name wasn't formally adopted until October of 1982.

Farewells

Alfred Carl, 88, 5-30-19, Warren, Michigan, past Macomb District Director, Sundowners Chapter, active lifetime member.

Wilma Johnson, 6-14-18, N. Vernon, Indiana

Doug Dennis, 6-19-19, Guelph, Ontario, long time member.



UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY

July 31 - August 4, 2019 - Great Lakes Regional Campout

Iroquois County Fairgrounds, Watseka, IL. Pre-Registration (must be post marked by July 20) Activity Fee - \$15.00 Camping - \$25.00 per night Activity Fee at the gate will be \$20. Make Check payable to: ISA (Illinois State association) Send pre-registration to: George Helmich, 2507 Lippizan Ln., Grayslake, IL 60030. Activities for all, Self-Guided Tours, Pet Parade, Family Feud, Poker Walk, Pet CPR & First Aid, and more. Saturday Night Kid-Friendly Murder Mystery Dinner. Registration form on FCRV website.

AUGUST

August 1 - 4, 2019 - Northeast Regional Campout

Lycoming County Fairgrounds. The Pennsylvania State Association in combination with the Northeast Region of FCRV is planning "A Weekend in the Islands" at the Lycoming County Fairgrounds in Hughesville, PA. There will be something for everyone from the young to the young at hearts! For more information please contact Patty Campbell at tacmamma@gmail.com or Jeanie Kelly at rkelly4911@aol.com. Registration form on the FCRV website.

SEPTEMBER

SEPT 27-29, 2019 - Blue Water Mixer

Eastern Michigan Fairgrounds, Imlay City, MI, donrocky64@hotmail.com. See Registration Form on website www.fcrv.org